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SUBJECT: LABOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM: FY76 IMF-JC TEAM

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1. IMF-JC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS TEAM (REFTEL) COMPOSED OF FOUR LABOR LEADERS WHO MAY IN FUTURE BE PRESIDENTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE UNIONS (AUTOS, STEEL, ELECTRIC MACHINERY AND SHIPBUILDING) WHICH ARE MOST IMPORTANT LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN PRIVATE SECTOR. WE GATHER FROM IMF-JC STAFF THAT PURPOSE OF THEIR TRIP CLEARLY IS TO GIVE THEM WIDEST POSSIBLE EXPOSURE NOT ONLY TO LEADERSHIP OF THEIR COUNTER-PART UNIONS IN U.S. BUT ALSO TO AMERICANS PLAYING KEY ROLE IN U.S.-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP, PARTICULARLY ITS ECONOMIC ASPECT. FOR THESE REASONS TEAM EAGER TO MEET USG OFFICIALS, CONGRESSMEN AND ACADEMICS AS WELL AS U.S. LABOR LEADERS.

2. BASED ON LENGTHY CONVERSATION WITH TEAM WE OFFER FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS:
WASHINGTON:
MEET WITH STAFF MEMBERS OF HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS AND SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEES TO DISCUSS U.S. TRADE POLICY. BRIEFING IN DEPTS OF STATE AND LABOR ON 1974 TRADE ACT AND USG POSITION AT FORTHCOMING GENEVA ROUND OF TRADE TALKS. MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF LABOR HERBERT BLACKMAN TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATE OF U.S. TRADE RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN. BRIEFING
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BY COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISORS STAFF ON STATE OF U.S.

ECONOMY AND USG ECONOMIC POLICIES.

NEW YORK:

INFORMAL ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION OF U.S.-

JAPAN RELATIONS AT JAPAN SOCIETY. (ROBERT RUENITZ AWARE OF TEAM'S VISIT AND SHOULD BE ABLE TO ARRANGE PROGRAM.) VISIT TO YALE UNIVERSITY TO DISCUSS U.S. VIEWS OF JAPANESE ECONOMY WITH PROFESSOR HUGH PATRICK. OBSERVATION OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY'S SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR NEW YORK TRADE UNIONISTS (DIRECTED BY PROFESSOR BETTY LALL).

ATLANTA:

MEET WITH BUSINESSMEN AND MEMBERS OF STAFF OF GEORGIA GOVERNOR BUSBEE (WHO RECENTLY PARTICIPATED IN TRIP TO JAPAN AND AGREED TO SET UP SOUTHERN STATES-JAPAN TRADE ORGANIZATION) IF POSSIBLE, VISIT TO JAPANESE OWNED MANUFACTURING PLANT IN ATLANTA AREA.

SAN FRANCISCO;

VISIT TO STANFORD UNIVERSITY TO MEET WITH PROFESSOR ROBERT WARD OF EAST ASIA STUDIES DEPARTMENT AND FORMER EMBASSY MINISTER JOHN EMMERSON OF HOOVER INSTITUTE. (EMMERSON AWARE OF VISIT AND INTERESTED IN MEETING TEAM) IF POSSIBLE, INFORMAL ROUND TABLE MEETING WITH STANFORD UNIVERSITY STUDENTS STUDYING JAPANESE LANGUAGE AND/OR POLITICS. MEETING WITH STANFORD ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION RICHARD JOHNSON (AUTHOR OF HARVARD BUSINESS REVIEW ARTICLE ON BUSINESS PRACTICES OF JAPANESE FIRMS IN U.S.).

3. ONE IMPORTANT BIO NOTE CONTAINED IN REFTTEL BUT WHICH MAY BE OVERLOOKED IS FACT THAT TEAM LEADER TAKU NAKAMURA SPENT SEVEN MONTHS AS TRAINEE IN UNITED STEELWORKERS OFFICE IN SOUTH CHICAGO IN MID 60'S.

4. BEN SHARMAN OF MACHINISTS AND DEAN CLOWES OF STEEL WORKERS, DURING THEIR RECENT VISIT TO JAPAN, MET MEMBERS OF TEAM AND PROMISED FULL ASSISTANCE.
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